

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 16, 2007
10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Town of Plainfield Recreation and Aquatics Center
Plainfield, Indiana

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)
Myron Mackey (EMTs)
Terri Hamilton (Volunteer EMS)
G. Lee Turpin II (Paramedics)
Tim Davie (Municipal Fire)
Sue Dunham (Emergency Nurses)
Ed Gordon (Volunteer Fire)
Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rodney Coats (General Public)
William Rutherford, MD (Emergency Physicians)

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Garvey, Division Director, Fire and
Building Safety

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Gary Miller. Mike Garvey thanked Captain Mike Smith, Plainfield fire Department for arranging use of the facility.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Myron Mackey offered a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed Gordon. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as submitted.

STAFF REPORTS:**EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION**

First Responders currently certified	6,510
EMTs to be certified this date	505
EMTs currently certified	16,107
EMTs recertified this date	1,695
EMT Basic Advanced to be certified this date	35
EMT Basic Advanced currently certified	1,278
EMT Basic Advanced recertified this date	137
EMT Paramedics to be certified this date	105
EMT Paramedics currently certified	2,821
EMT Paramedics recertified this date	137
EMT Intermediates to be certified this date	6
EMT Intermediates currently certified	134
EMT Intermediates recertified this date	8
Temporary certificates issued:	
EMT	14
EMT Paramedic	2

Tony Pagano introduced Bill Null as the EMS Training Manager. Mr. Pagano also announced that a series of instructor updates will be held around the state. The topics will be mass casualty response and managing the patient with autism.

Mr. Garvey made a recommendation that the commission set July 1, 2008 as the date for the paramedic training institution's to have completed the accreditation self study.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Tim Davie. The motion passed.

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Basic-Advanced, EMT-I, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization	7
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	19
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	16
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	5
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Rescue Squad	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	5
Ambulance Service Provider	93
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport	29
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	4
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2

Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	6
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	6
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	18
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization	5
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	11
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	48
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	36
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	4
Ambulance Service Provider, Rescue Squad	1
BLS Non-Transport Organization	323
BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	4
BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	84
Rescue Squad Organization	6
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	15
Total Providers	773

EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

EMS Vehicle Inspections:	336
Provider/Hospital Applications Processed:	316
EMS Provider Visits:	346
EMS Provider Audits:	17
Hospital Visits:	58
Hospital Audits:	11
EMT Tests Proctored	16
Technical Assistance	117

Operations Director Sherrie Crain announced that the district managers now have portable printers so that they will be able to print vehicle certificates on site and staff is developing on-line applications. She also announced that the district managers are now responsible for reviewing training institution applications. The Training Division will still review course applications.

EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mr. Miller stated that the number of reports received has decreased but the number of providers reporting has increased.

Mark Nelson advised the commission that NTHSA 408 grant dollars in the amount of \$140,575 have been awarded to IDHS/EMS for the purchase of NEMSIS Gold or Silver software by EMS providers reporting data to the state. Additional information will be posted on the IDHS website in April.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EMS Education Advisory Committee

Steve Garrison reported that the revision of the PI test has been completed and the test will be field tested soon. He also announced that a meeting will be held in April to update the EMT skills test documents. The committee is also conducting a self study on EMS education.

Indiana Trauma Systems Advisory Taskforce

Mr. Garvey reported that the Indiana State Department of Health has chosen a data program for trauma reporting which will be linked to the EMS data.

LEGAL MATTERS

Pending administrative Cases

Mr. Mackey asked if the closed cases could be removed from the list of cases.

Emergency Order of Suspension

It was reported that the Agency has issued an Emergency Order of Suspension to Christopher Bunkner, Paramedic Certification Number 34045 and also to Mark Grell, Paramedic Certification Number 25411.

Renewal of Emergency Order of Suspension

It was reported that the Agency has renewed the Emergency Orders of Suspension issued to Joshua Cunningham, EMT Certification Number 47324, David Manlove, EMT Certification Number 35252, and Michael Frasher, Paramedic Certification Number 44267.

OLD BUSINESS

Response to Autistic Patients and Families

A series of training programs will be conducted in the EMS Districts. Mr. Garvey stated that those attending will receive the tools needed to offer this education program.

South Bend Area EMS Committee Review of Waiver Request

Mr. Garrison, Dr. Keith Sherry from Memorial Hospital, South Bend, and Dr. Bruce Speicher, St. Joseph Hospital, South Bend, presented information regarding the use of 12-lead cardiac monitoring by EMT-Intermediates in the field. They proposed that EMT-Is in the South Bend system be trained in the use of 12-lead monitoring under very close medical direction and with the support of the hospitals. The EMT-Is would not be interpreting the rhythms, their performance would be validated and all runs would be reviewed. The goal is to reduce the “door to balloon time” for cardiac patients.

Commission discussion included questions of curriculum changes and expansion of scope of practice by Mr. Davie, Jane Craigin, and Lee Turpin. Mr. Mackey commented on the different scope of skills performed by EMT-Paramedics in the rural setting versus EMT-Ps in the urban setting. He asked if there would be any harm to the patient.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to revoke the denial of waiver request issued to the South Bend area providers at the November 17, 2006 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Michael Olinger. The motion passed. Dr. Olinger offered a motion to grant the South Bend area providers' request and waive 836 IAC 4-7.1-3(f) and allow the administration of 12-lead cardiac monitoring by South Bend area affiliated EMT-Is. The motion was seconded by Sue Dunham. The motion passed. Agency counsel, Mara Snyder, reminded the commission that the rule to be waived applies to the individual.

Standardized Triage Tag Program

EMS District Manager Troy Morgan updated the commission on the proposed placement of MCI trailers in the 10 homeland security districts. He also presented information on the SMART Triage Tag System based on START (Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment).

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to adopt the SMART System as the commission approved triage tag system. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.

Timeline for the Adoption of Emergency Medical Dispatch Rules

EMS District Manager Robin Stump advised the commission that staff continues to work on rule revisions. The rule draft package should be sent to the Legislative Services Agency within 30 to 45 days and a public hearing on proposed rules will be held before the July meeting of the commission. The same timeline applies to a second draft rule package regarding the clean up of existing rules.

EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVERS:

Provider Waiver Requests

US Steel Gary Works EMS seeks approval for EMT Basic Advanced personnel to carry and administer Cyanide Antidote Kits in the industrial setting.

EMS District Manager Tom Nowacki presented the request.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the request.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpin. The motion passed. The request is denied.

EMS Personnel Waiver Requests

Tom Nunemaker, EMT-P Certificate Number 20 45460, requesting that his paramedic inservice report be accepted late and that 7 hours and 5 skills accumulated after his expiration date be accepted.

Tony Pagano presented the request.

Staff's recommendation is to grant the request and place Mr. Nunemaker's certification on probation until July 1, 2008.

Mr. Davie offered a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpin. The motion passed. The request is denied.

Robert Wamser, EMT-B Certificate Number 48 53304, requesting that his EMT inservice be accepted late.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed.

Brian Wortley, EMT-B Certificate Number 79 25261, requesting that his inservice be accepted late and his EMT-B certificate be reinstated.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed. The request is denied.

Preston Beeler, EMT-Basic Certificate Number 29 49244, requesting that his inservice report be accepted late.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dunham. The motion passed.

R. Brent Meadows, EMT-P Certificate Number 89 22952, requesting that his primary instructor certification be reinstated based on his work while he was in Pennsylvania.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the request.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.

Jason White, EMT-P Certificate Number 38 50353, requesting that he be given credit for his PI internship based on his previous teaching experience.

Staff's recommendation is to require Mr. White to complete the PI internship.

Mr. Turpin offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.

Jeffrey K. Thomas, Knightstown, Sarah D. Shelton, Kennard, and Jessica L. Huffman, Shirley, requesting that they allowed to hold Emergency Medical First Responder Certification even though their ages are 15, 16, and 15 years old respectively.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the requests based on previous commission action.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Craig. The motion passed.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and DIRECTION:

Mr. Garvey advised the commission that questions have been raised to staff regarding the transportation of patients with transdermal patches. He reminded providers that EMS Week will be May 20th through May 26. Mr. Garvey also announced that the agency's customer service survey will be posted on the agency website and urged individuals to use the survey to report quality of customer service by staff.

Mr. Miller reminded ambulance service providers that they must file for the National EMS Provider ID Number.

2007 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Friday, May 18, 2007

Friday, July 20, 2007

Thursday, September 13, 2007, Marriott East, Indianapolis

Friday, November 16, 2007

Locations will be announced at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: Indiana EMS Commission, July 10, 2007